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NJMC LAUNCHES NATURE BLOG



LYNDHURST, N.J. – To help raise the public's awareness of the many natural wonders and activities that abound in this region, the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission has launched the Meadowlands Blog.

“Our goal is to get as many people as possible to see for themselves that the Meadowlands is an amazing destination

located right on their doorstep,” said Robert Ceberio, NJMC Executive Director. “The blog, with its great photos, information and useful links, is an excellent place for people to learn about all the places to visit so close to home.”

The new blog's address is **meadowblog.typepad.com**.

The blog will highlight the 30.4-square-mile Meadowlands District's amazing natural resources. It will celebrate local nature – from birds and butterflies to flowers and other flora. It will publicize upcoming NJMC events, including those at the new Center for Scientific and Environmental Education and the William D. McDowell Observatory in DeKorte Park in Lyndhurst.

The blog will also post unusual bird sightings and other noteworthy occurrences. The public is invited to notify blog-meister Jim Wright, an NJMC staffer, of sightings and send in digital photos.

Posts so far have included updates on upcoming guided canoe tours, the summer solstice celebration at the Center for Scientific and Environmental Education, and explorations of the Kearny Marsh, the Mill Creek Marsh in Secaucus and Losen Slote Creek Park in Little Ferry.

The blog has also featured videos on the Meadowlands Commission's new tree swallow survey, woodchucks and Baltimore orioles.

The blog will post information on events that are open to the public and links to Web pages on Meadowlands parks and activities, as well as the Web sites of nature groups and non-profit groups active in the region.

The Meadowlands District is a great place to hike, watch birds, go canoeing or kayaking, look for butterflies and dragonflies, or just enjoy the splendid views of marshes and Manhattan.

Contact Jim Wright at the NJMC for high-resolution jpegs of assorted dragonflies, butterflies, birds, and parks and natural areas.



